

Public Notice
Subgroup Meetings Scheduled

**Implementation Planning for the
Incorporation of Nursing and Choices for Independence Waiver Services
Into the New Hampshire Medicaid Care Management Program
January 17, 2017**

FINAL: Please note meeting locations.

Notice is hereby given that the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services is scheduling all public working sessions of the Choices for Independence (CFI) Subgroup and the Nursing Facility (NF) Services Subgroup.

Choices for Independence (CFI) Subgroup:

Tuesday, January 10, 2017

10:00am - 12:00pm

Department of Health and Human Services
29 Hazen Drive - Atrium
Concord, NH 03301

Tuesday, January 24, 2017

2:00 - 4:00 pm

New Hampshire Hospital Association
125 Airport Road - Room 6
Concord NH

Tuesday, February 7, 2017

2:00 - 4:00 pm

New Hampshire Hospital Association
125 Airport Road - Room 1
Concord NH

Nursing Facility Services (NF) Subgroup:

Thursday, January 12, 2017

2:00 - 4:00pm

New Hampshire Hospital Association
125 Airport Road - Room 1
Concord, NH 03301

Friday, January 27, 2017

10:00am - Noon

*NH Health Care Association
5 Sheep Davis Rd – Suite E
Pembroke NH

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Friday, February 10, 2017

10:00am - Noon

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If accommodations are needed for communication access such as interpreters, CART (captioning), assistive listening devices, or other auxiliary aids and/or services, please contact Leslie Melby at Leslie.Melby@dhhs.nh.gov or 603-271-9074 no later than 7 business days prior to the subgroup meeting (see meeting schedule above). Every effort will be made to accommodate needs identified with 7 business days' advance notice.

All subgroup meetings are open to the public and participation in the plan elements are encouraged by all stakeholders.

Overview

On June 6, 2016, the Governor signed into law SB 553 instructing the Department of Health and Human Services to develop an implementation plan for the remaining unimplemented phases of the Medicaid managed care program as established in RSA 126-A:5, XIX. The implementation plan will specifically address nursing services, services provided under the Choice for Independence (CFI) waiver, and services provided under the developmental disability (DD), acquired brain disorder (ABD), and in-home support (IHS) support waivers. The plans for implementation of nursing home and home care services provided under the Choices for Independence Waiver into managed care shall be prepared prior to the plan for any other services. The Department shall not implement until after:

- The Department of Health and Human Services has prepared and adopted a comprehensive plan for the services to be incorporated into managed care.
- The Department has obtained approval by CMS of any waivers and state plan amendments necessary for the incorporation of services into managed care.
- The plan has been presented to the fiscal committee of the general court, the oversight committee on health and human services, established in RSA 126-A:13, and the county-state finance commission, established in RSA 28-B:1.
- The Department has presented a report by the Department's actuary on the per member/per month cost of providing services within managed care under each plan to the general court. The report shall also identify all applicable rate cell information and include medical loss ratio information on managed care organization performance in the New Hampshire Medicaid care management program. The report shall be subject to provisions of RSA 91-A.
- The Governor and Executive Council have approved any contract or contract amendment for the implementation of such services into managed care.

The Department shall develop the plan for incorporating nursing home and waiver services into managed care as follows:

The Department shall convene a working group consisting, at a minimum, of representatives of the following stakeholders: each managed care plan under contract with the state, the New Hampshire Association of Counties, the New Hampshire Health Care Association, Community Support Network, Inc., Granite State Independent Living, the Brain Injury Association of New Hampshire, Granite State Home Health Association, a member of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, a member of the senate appointed by the senate president, an independent case management organization industry representative, a member of the governor's commission on managed care designated by the commission, and a member of the medical care advisory committee designated by the committee.

The working group shall be convened by the commissioner of health and human services and shall be subject to RSA91-A. The Department, in consultation with the working group, shall prepare a plan for the implementation of nursing and waiver services into managed care. Each plan shall include, at a minimum, a detailed description of the following: eligibility and enrollment, covered services, transition planning, prior authorization, transportation, pharmacy, case management, network adequacy, credentialing, quality metrics and outcome measurements, patient safety, utilization

management, finance and reimbursement, rates and payment, grievance and appeals, and office of ombudsman. Each plan shall also address how the incorporation of the services into managed care shall achieve the legislative intent of providing value, quality, efficiency, innovation, and savings.

The Department is required to: 1) provide for public comment for 60 days and public hearing for each plan prepared, 2) update the fiscal committee on the status and the oversight committee on health and human services on the plan preparation each month, and 3) no later than August 1, 2016, submit to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, and the county-state finance commission, all proposed changes to state law the Department believes may be necessary for the incorporation of nursing and waiver services into managed care.

The full text of SB 553, an act relative to implementation of the Medicaid managed care program that establishes procedures for the implementation of phase 2, can be viewed at:

http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/bill_status/billText.aspx?id=936&txtFormat=pdf&v=current

Additional Information

To contact the working group, please email SB553ManagedCarePlanning@dhhs.nh.gov.

All information regarding the implementation planning process, including minutes of Working Group meetings, can be found on the DHHS web site at <http://www.dhhs.nh.gov/> under "Quick Links."

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